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Applicant: George N. VALKANAS et al. Conf.: 7933  
Appl. No.: 09/205,297 Group: 1724  
Filed: December 4, 1998 Examiner: I. Cintins  
For: METHOD AND PRODUCTS TO ABSORB OIL AND  
ORGANIC SOLVENTS FROM WATER AND FROM  
SEA

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 23, 2003

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 23, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 27. (Twice Amended) A macroreticular product having a high potential to absorb organic solvents, wherein the product is formed by cross-linking a polymer so that the macroreticular product can molecularly enclose the organic solvent and the organic solvent adheres externally to the macroreticular product, wherein the polymer is at least one selected from the group consisting of polystyrene, PEG, PAA, PAAc, PAAc-IPAA and hydroxyethyl methacrylate, the crosslinking agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, and ethylene glycol dimethacrylate.

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